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Registered Stoves, assorted sizes and patterns;  
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tles; Coal Vases; Scrapers; Sauce Pans; Dust Pans;  
Knives, Ivory handled Table and Dessert; Pocket  
Knives; Albata Plated Forks; Spoons; Candelsticks;  
Sulphur Vases; T. F. Gunpowder, Blasting Powder;  
Patent Fuse; Assorted Shot; Iron Guttinger; Horse  
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etc., etc.

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Traveling Bags, Bridles, Headstalls, Suncircles,  
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Matting; Brushes; Brooms; Iron Wheelbarrows,  
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Perambulators for Children,

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Victoria, Vancouver Island, December, 1861.  
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Coal and Lumber Co.,  
CITY WHARF.

Have now on hand a large stock of the

BEST QUALITY NANAIMO COALS,

SCREENED, FREE FROM DUST,

And of any size desired, which we continue to sell  
at the same price as we established last summer, viz:

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Just Received,  
Ex "PRUTH" and "PRINCE OF THE SEAS,"  
And for sale by  
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AN EXCELLENT ASSORTMENT OF  
Choice Groceries, consisting of—  
Fresh, Black and Green Teas, of superior quality;  
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Cinnamon Sugar;  
Candied Fruits;  
Zante Currants;  
Sultana, Muscatel and Valencia Raisins;  
Carolina and Patna Rice;  
Belmont and Wax Candles;  
Colza Oil, for moderator lamps.  
The goods being of direct importation and selected  
with special care for this market, have arrived out  
in first rate order. W. M. B. Smith assured they will  
meet the requirements of his customers. The atten-  
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500 TONS STORAGE.

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Warehouse in Lytton square, New Westminster,  
has been declared by Government to be a Bonded  
Warehouse on and after this date.  
Merchants and Shippers to British Columbia, who  
wish to store merchandise in bond or duty free, are  
notified that 500 tons can be stored in the New Brick  
Warehouse  
Storage, \$1 per ton per month; Wharfage, 25 cents  
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HARRIS & CO.  
New Westminster, October 28, 1861. oc29 lrm

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Next door to Langley Bros.' Drug Store,

WHERE HE OFFERS FOR SALE AN

Entire New Stock of

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HATS, CAPS AND

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THE UNDERSIGNED HAS IMPORT-

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that are to be found on the Pacific coast, and is ready

to furnish sets or single teeth in the best style. Den-

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Office in the Drug Store, cor Government and

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Barnard's Express,

(FORMERLY JEFFRAY'S EXPRESS.)

THE OFFICE OF THIS EXPRESS IS

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OFFICE, Commercial street, near Yates street.

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The Celebrated

ANGLO-FRENCH NURSING BOTTLE.

FOR SALE BY

LANGLEY BROS.

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ROYAL HOSPITAL.

GENERAL MEETING OF THE

A Subscribers will be held at the Police Court on

Thursday the 23d inst., at 7 o'clock, P. M., for the

purpose of electing a Board of Thirteen Directors

for the ensuing year, including President, Vice Presi-

dent and Treasurer. A statement of the present

condition of the Hospital will be laid before the

meeting.  
Subscribers to the amount of \$5 00 annually and  
donors to the amount of \$50 00 are entitled to one  
vote; annual subscribers of \$10 and donors of \$100  
are entitled to two votes, and so on in proportion.  
No donor or subscriber to have more than five votes.  
(Signed) E. CRIDGE,  
Jan 15, 1861 ja19 Hon. Sec.

Royal Hospital.

IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE CONCERT

for the benefit of the Victoria Fire Department

taking place on the 23d inst., the meeting for the

election of officers for the Royal Hospital is postponed

until Monday, the 27th inst.  
By direction of the Committee  
EDWARD CRIDGE,  
Jan 18, 1862 Hon. Sec.

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THE UNDERSIGNED IS PREPARED

to do all kinds of FAMILY SEWING.

Dresses Made to Order,

At the corner of Gordon and Broughton streets.

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COMMISSION MERCHANTS  
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VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND  
And Battery street, San Francisco, California.  
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5 CASES SUPERIOR CHEDDAR CHEESE.  
For sale by  
DICKSON, CAMPBELL & CO.,  
Wharf street.  
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CHAS. F. ROBBINS,  
IMPORTER AND DEALER IN TYPE  
Presses, Printing Material, Inks, Card stock, &c  
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NOTICE.  
PARTIES HAVING POWDER STORED  
on board the Hudson's Bay Company's steamer  
Heavier are requested to have it removed immedi-  
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Medicated, Sulphur and Steam Baths,

HOT AND COLD.

WITH EVERY CONVENIENCE NECES-

sary to afford the utmost comfort to the pub-

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For further particulars apply at the Office of

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Government street.

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To be Sold or Let.

THE BUILDING KNOWN AS THE

Royal Hotel, Esquimalt; also Restaurant ad-

joining.  
Apply at the Office of  
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THE FARM OF COLWOOD, in

the District of Esquimalt, V. I.,

is hereby offered for Lease for one

or more years, with immediate entry,

and at a moderate rent.

It contains 620 acres, well situated, and of which

upwards of 200 acres have been under cultivation.

The Farm is fenced. It has a good

DWELLING HOUSE,

With Garden attached;

SERVANTS' COTTAGES, and all other

useful Buildings, etc.; also, WATER FRONT-

AGE and a Landing Pier on Esquimalt Harbor,

affording easy access at all times by water to Vic-

toria, from which it is distant by land about 6 miles.

Along with the Farm there will also be let, if de-

sired by the Tenant, a Flock of SHEEP, on half

shares.

The premises may be viewed any day; and further

particulars will be supplied at Victoria by Dr. TOL-

MIE, or Mr. MUNRO.

Victoria, December 29, 1861. de31 6w

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UNION WHARF AND WAREHOUSE;

room for 400 tons of goods.

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CONSISTING OF A VERY DESIR-

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EX "RETRIEVER,"  
GINGER BRANDY—in 1 doz cases;  
CHERRY BRANDY—in 1 doz cases,  
BRANDY—U. V., Proprietors, Renat, Burgundy,  
and other brands, in hds and qr casks;  
CHAMPAGNE—"Sillery Mousseaux," in quarts;  
CHAMPAGNE—Star, in pints and 1/2 pints;  
MOSELE—Quarts and pints;  
WHISKY—McKenzie, cask and case;  
OLD TOM—McKenzie, bulk and case;  
RUM SHIRAZ;  
PORTER—Byass, Victoria Stores, Duckworth,  
Barclay, Perkins & Co., Marzetti, &c.  
HAMS—Sincclair's, Belfast;  
SILKS—Black and white Gros, Sarsenets, Fancy  
Silks, and a few fine extra rich flounced  
Dresses;  
EMBROIDERIES—Ties, Gloves, Ribbons, &c.  
CARSWELL & CO.,







Thursday Morning, Jan. 23, 1862.

## Arrival of the Cortes.

## Another Great Flood in California.

## Fire and Loss of Life at San Francisco.

## LATER FROM THE STATES AND EUROPE.

The steamship Cortes, Capt. Huntington, arrived at 5 o'clock last evening, from San Francisco via Astoria, with 35 passengers and 4 tons of freight. California papers are to the 17th, and States' dates to the 10th.

The news from the States is unimportant. No important movement has taken place in the North and the Southern army remains quiet. The war excitement about Great Britain has died away. The surrender of Mason and Slidell is confirmed.

There is no important news from Europe by this arrival, and the report of the death of Prince Albert is neither confirmed nor contradicted.

In California another great flood has occurred, and counties that escaped the first flood are now inundated. The water at Sacramento city was twenty inches deeper than during the flood of December last. Great destruction of life and property has ensued throughout the inundated counties, and wealthy men of a few days ago are beggars now. Relief committees have been formed in San Francisco, and the people of that city are subscribing liberally towards the relief of the sufferers. Marysville, Stockton, Nevada, Napa City, San Mateo, and in fact, every valley town in the State yet heard from is under water.

A terrible fire has occurred at San Francisco. On the morning of the 11th inst., at 3 o'clock, fire broke out in one of the many small tenements adjoining the Pacific Flour Mills on the east, and in the rear of a boarding house known as the "Sarsfield Hall," which is situated on the northwest corner of Pacific and Montgomery streets. The houses being mostly of wood, were, from long seasoning, very combustible, and the flames spread with exceeding rapidity. The Sarsfield Hall, which was built of fluted sheet iron, caught fire through the windows, and was soon ruddy with flames issuing from most of the windows. The smoke, beaten down by the rain, was very dense and suffocating. The gusty wind lent additional fury to the flames, and their red glare was diffused over the entire sky. Men, women and children rushed in their night dresses from out the Sarsfield House upon the balcony to escape the flames. Some firemen got on one another's shoulders and handed many of the children down; others were tossed into the arms of those below. The fright of the women and children and the excitement exhibited by all was intense. Men and women jumped from the balcony, many of them being badly injured. One man leaped from a third story window and broke his back. Many narrow escapes were made. After the flames were extinguished, it was found that eight lives were lost and about a dozen persons injured.

George E. Wilson, a cornet player, murdered his wife, Lizzie Wilson, by shooting her through the heart with a revolver, on the night of the 14th inst., at San Francisco. Deceased was a vocalist at the National Theatre. Both the murderer and his victim are English. Wilson was drunk at the time of committing the deed. He is under arrest.

## The States.

St. Louis, January 6. News from Rolla states that Gen. Siegel's resignation creates great excitement among the troops. Most of the German officers have also resigned.

The Federal gunboats Essex, Lexington, and Tyler went down the river yesterday, to make reconnaissances. They went within range of the rebel batteries near Columbus when they met the rebel steamer Mohawk, which retreated after our boats had fired two shots at her. When our boats were retiring, a rebel gunboat followed, but was chased back.

CHICAGO, January 8.—A. M.

The Tribune's special dispatch says the Catholic Bishop of Nashville has arrived there. He states that drafting in Tennessee had proved a failure. Great numbers in Nashville are outspoken Union men. If Bowling Green falls, Nashville will be destroyed. The Bishop saw at Glasgow Junction the remains of a splendid tunnel destroyed on January 5th by rebels. The railroad from that point north was entirely destroyed. The rebels were endeavoring to draw the Union army into Bowling Green, where they have musked batteries.

The approaches to Columbus are splendidly defended by numerous batteries, and chains and torpedoes obstruct the river.

Gen. Shields has arrived at Washington. The Ways and Means Committee in Congress has framed a bill, which will be introduced to-day, authorizing the issue of \$100,000,000 in demand Treasury notes, and not drawing interest, and payable generally, without specifying places or times, which, as well as other Treasury notes, are to be declared lawful money.

It is settled that Gen. Jim Lane is to have command of an army of 30,000 men to penetrate South from Fort Leavenworth. He will carry on the war in the Southwest according to his own peculiar notions, and strike at rebellion with any weapon that he can command.

The agent of the Government who superintended the removal of Mason and Slidell from Fort Warren to the British gunboat returned this morning. No papers were exchanged between the agent and the English commander in connection with the delivery and reception of the rebel Commissioners.

HALIFAX, January 3.

Rumors are current in this city—not traceable, however, to any reliable source—of the loss of the steamship Parana in the St. Lawrence, with 1100 troops on board.

QUINCY, Jan. 7.

The steamship Vanderbilt, from Port

Royal, January 3d, arrived at New York yesterday, and brought 3,790 bales of cotton.

QUINCY, Jan. 7.—P. M.

An expedition, second to none yet sent out, in numbers, character and purpose, under command of General Lane, is soon to start from Fort Leavenworth.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.

The President sent to the Senate the name of Col. Dana, of the First Minnesota Regiment, as Brig-Gen.

Gen. McClellan, for the first time in several weeks, appeared out of doors to-day, in his carriage. He has nearly recovered his health.

In the Senate, January 6th, Mr. Nesmith presented the credentials of Mr. Stark of Oregon.

Mr. Fessenden, of Maine, moved that the administration of the oath be suspended for the present, and the credentials and other papers be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A discussion arose as to the propriety of the motion, which was participated in by Bright, of Indiana, Fessenden, Bayard, Wilson and Trumbull.

The credentials of Stark and papers showing his disloyalty were laid on the table.

Mr. Wilson, of Massachusetts, presented a petition from citizens of Pennsylvania, asking that John C. Fremont be appointed Lieut.-General.

In the House, Conckling, of New York, called up a resolution of inquiry into the Ball's Bluff disaster. He said the resolution was offered several days ago, but no effort had yet been made to show who was responsible for that disaster. In the course of his remarks, Conckling commented severely on the plan of covering up the faults of certain generals and laying all the blame on one.

In the Senate, Jan. 7th, Messrs. Pomeroy and Chandler presented petitions for the emancipation of slaves.

In the House a message was received in reference to the Trent affair. It was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The rebels at Columbus have sunk torpedoes in the river to blow up the expected Federal fleet from Cairo. They have also stretched chains across the Mississippi at that point, to obstruct the passage of our boats.

Portions of the cargo of a ship have been picked up at Cape Breton, near Halifax, N. S. They are supposed to be from the British steamer "Australasian," which was bound to Quebec with soldiers.

St. Louis, Jan. 8.

On the 6th, Col. Dunning, at the head of a Federal regiment, met a force of two thousand rebels in Blue Gap, Virginia, about seventy miles east of Romney. Col. Dunning immediately attacked the rebels, and after a short engagement completely routed them. The Federals captured a number of prisoners, and all the cannons, wagons and camp equipage, etc., in possession of their foes. The rebels retreated in disorder toward Hancock, on the Potomac. The rebel loss in killed was fifteen; none of the Federal troops were killed.

Preparations are making for an immediate move of Federal forces from Cairo on Nashville, Tennessee.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—A. M.

An official report has been received at Washington from Gen. Sherman, in command of the Federal forces in South Carolina, in relation to Gen. Stevens' operations at Port Royal Ferry. The latter's instructions were to make a dash on the enemy, destroy their batteries because they obstructed the river and had fired on the Mayflower, and then return to the Island where the Federal troops are now concentrated—all of which Stevens carried out.

Several more fires have recently occurred at Charleston. Fires have also broken out at Norfolk and Richmond. They were supposed to have been started by insurrectionists.

Mr. Hemphill, formerly United States Senator from Texas, is dead.

The railroads through Missouri have been repaired, and the California mails will hereafter be more regular.

A large party is being built up in the Northern States which will demand an immediate advance of our army, and more effective steps to crush out the rebellion. The President entertains the same sentiments, and has recently appointed Gen. Jim Lane to lead an army of 30,000 into the enemy's country, as an indication of what he intends to do.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—P. M.

A special despatch to the St. Louis Democrat from Cairo, says that 25,000 troops are on the way to that city from different points, and as soon as they arrive a column of 60,000 to 75,000 will march to Paducah, under Gen. Grant. The destination of the force is to be Nashville, where, if a junction can be formed with Buell, now in command in Kentucky, the entire army will proceed to New Orleans.

Gen. Fremont's investigation has commenced at Washington. His friends express strong hopes that he will be able to clear himself of all the charges that have been brought against him.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.

Treasury notes in Washington are 4 per cent. discount. Exchange on New York one-half per cent.

Mr. Hale presented a petition in the Senate to-day from citizens of Pennsylvania, asking that a statute be enacted punishing those defrauding the Government.

Mr. Hale also introduced a bill punishing frauds on the Treasury.

There was great excitement in the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce yesterday, occasioned by an election of officers, which resulted in the disruption of the Chamber, by the withdrawal of the Union members. The trouble arose from secession members refusing to vote for the admission of Union members.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.

The feature of Congress yesterday was the speech of Senator Sumner, sustaining the Administration in surrendering Mason and Slidell—showing clearly that it was in pursuance of a policy maintained by Government from its inception to the present time. All the Foreign Legation were present except Lord Lyons.

200 prisoners released from Richmond arrived at Washington yesterday and were paid off.

Senator Sherman's retrenchment bill, introduced yesterday, reduces the salaries of all clerks at the Capital in Government employ, but in no way affects Representatives or Senators, except to reduce mileage 10 cents per mile.

## European Intelligence.

HALIFAX, Jan. 6.

The Bohemian, with dates from Liverpool to December 26th, has arrived.

Anson Burlingame, Minister to China, had arrived at Canton.

Owing to advices from America being unfavorably construed in London, funds were dropping in consequence.

English papers were still discussing the Trent affair, in a hopeful view that the rebel Commissioners will be given up, and war be thus avoided.

Business in Liverpool and London was suspended, owing to the holidays.

It was reported in Paris that the Orleans Princes were to return to Europe forthwith.

France was about to send reinforcements to the squadron off Mexico; also to the squadron off the northeastern coast of America.

Madrid correspondence says Spain is to send 7000 men to Mexico.

## Trial of G. T. Gordon for Embezzlement.

## Court of Assizes.

[BEFORE CHIEF JUSTICE CAMERON.]

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 22, 1862.

The Court opened at a quarter to 11 o'clock.

George Tomlinson Gordon, late Treasurer of this Colony, indicted by the Grand Jury for embezzlement of the public monies, appeared for trial. The prisoner seemed in good spirits, although his face occasionally betrayed, as the trial progressed, considerable nervous anxiety and mental suffering. Attorney-General Cary and Mr. Walker appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Ring and Mr. McCreight, instructed by Messrs. Peakes and Courtney, for the defence.

The indictment, (which contains three counts, viz: 1. embezzling £137 19s. 9d; 2. embezzling £24 7s. 6d; 3. embezzling £295,) was read, and in answer to the usual interrogatory, of "How say you, guilty or not guilty?" the prisoner replied in a firm voice, "Not guilty."

The impaneling of the jury was then proceeded with. Fourteen peremptory challenges were made before the following-named jurors were obtained:

Simon Duck, (foreman)  
Cornelius Thorne, Fredrick Reynolds,  
John Crowther, Wm. Senior,  
John Smith, John Lee,  
Henry Elliott, Robert Cray,  
William Clark, John Robson,  
Thomas Glee.

The remainder of the jury were discharged from further duty until Thursday, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Attorney-General opened the case for the prosecution in an address which occupied about half an hour in delivery. He said the jury would have to divest their minds of any impression or opinion which they had formed in favor or against the prisoner, and treat the case according to the evidence which would be laid before them; close attention to the evidence produced was necessary. The learned counsel concluded by reviewing the points which the prosecution expected to prove, and called to the stand the first witness.

L. Lowenberg, sworn.—[Receipt for taxes shown witness.] This is a receipt for £84 17s. 10d, and £53 1s. 11d.; I paid these amounts into the Treasury; it is dated the 30th of November 1861; I know what date I paid the money, as I keep no books for such matters.

Cross-examined by Mr. Ring—I asked Mr. Gordon to prepare the receipt in advance; I might have asked him to make it out at one time and I paid it some time after; I cannot remember whether I paid the amount in November or December.

Re-examined by Mr. Cary—Did you write to Joseph Bros. informing them of the payment of their taxes?

Objected to by counsel, and objection sustained, as no foundation had been laid either in the direct or cross-examination.

Mr. Cary claimed that he had a right to ask the question, because witness had said he "might have paid it in November;" it was a question of dates.

Mr. Ring and Mr. McCreight objected to the question, Mr. Cary pressed the point and the Court reiterated the previous decision—that no foundation was laid for the question in previous examination, and it could not now be asked.

Re-examination resumed—I think the amount was paid in November; I cannot swear to it, but I am pretty certain it was paid in that month; I paid twenty or thirty different taxes, and I think I paid some in December.

To the Court—I remember the sum of £137 19s. 10d, and I think I paid it in November.

J. Leopold Lowenberg, sworn—I paid Mr. Gordon's taxes and received a receipt—[receipt shown witness]—this is the one, Mr. Gordon signed it; the accounts for which he received are £15, and \$97s. 6d., I paid \$119 at the same time; the receipt bears date 22d of November, 1861, the day on which I paid the money; I remember the day on which the investigation took place at the Treasury—the 23rd of December; received on that day from the prisoner money in respect of an advance warrant, \$1000, about 3 or 4 in the afternoon. The exact hour I don't recollect, but it was in the afternoon; I had not had any lunch at that time, but went after it to the Colonial Hotel; while I was at lunch, Mr. Gordon came to me and asked me a question in consequence of having entered on his books £500, where he ought to have entered £205, as paid to me, and he asked me if I could, as a friend, assist him until he had time to go and collect the balance of the money, he asked me to state that the amount received by me was £500, until he could gain time, but I declined to do so.

Cross-examined by Mr. Ring for the defence—I have no doubt as to what Mr. Gordon meant on that point; he was confused; the general impression left on my mind was that he had made a fatal error in entering the £500, and that he came to me as his friend to help him out of the difficulty; I don't know where the advance warrant is, but advance warrants are usually kept in the Treasury;

on the day of receiving the £205 I was going to pay him £227 18s. 10d., that was all I intended to pay him on account of land sales; I had no other monies on hand to make up the £500; I may have stated to Capt. Gordon in the morning that I had a sum of £300 to pay in, and it is quite possible that I made an examination and found it was only £227 18s. 10d.; the advance warrant was for £1000, and I gave Capt. Gordon to understand that I should want about £500 on that day; the £300 I supposed I had on hand, added to the £205 which I received, would have made up the £500; I sent Mr. Teideman over to pay the £227 18s. 10d.; he returned with it in five minutes and lodged it in the Land Office safe; Capt. Gordon refused to take a receipt for the £205, because he wanted to make but one entry.

Re-examined for the prosecution—There was no connection between the payment of Land Office monies and the payment on account of the advance warrants; I had the impression that Capt. Gordon wished me rather to suppress than to represent until he had time to raise the money; he declined to take a receipt for the £205 paid me; there was no arrangement between Gordon and myself with regard to the monies due from land sales; such an arrangement would have been impossible.

By Mr. Ring—Was not money due from the Land Office to the Treasury sometimes allowed to remain in your hands as an offset to an amount due on a land warrant?

Witness—I do not recollect; I have generally been particular to carry over the amount due to the Treasury and carry back the balance due on advance warrants.

To Mr. Cary—On such occasions receipts would be exchanged; I don't recollect such a case having occurred.

The Court here took a recess of one hour.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the reassembling of the Court Mr. T. G. Jackson, Cashier of the Bank of British North America, was called to the stand and proved that a check on the bank for £205 was paid to Gordon. Joseph Porter, clerk in the Colonial Secretary's office was called and testified that the check above alluded to was brought to his office and entered by him in the banker's book; he was told by Capt. Gordon that the check was to pay for part of an advance warrant drawn in favor of the Surveyor General.

A rigid cross-examination of this witness failed to elicit anything important.

Robert Ker, sworn—Am Acting Auditor for Vancouver Island—and as such am acquainted with the practice in the Treasury; the duty of the Treasurer, previous to receipting for money, is to make the entry in the cash-book kept in duplicate at the Treasury, and also a supplementary cash-book; I have inspected the latter; it has been kept for the purpose of entering the monies received under the Real Estate and Victoria Street Tax Acts; there are four entries direct into the cash book on account of monies paid under those Acts. [Receipt shown witness.] This is in the handwriting of Capt. Gordon. I got it from Mr. Lowenberg about the 15th, 16th, or 17th of Dec. We were examining the real estate account, and the Sheriff had a list of those who had not paid; Joseph Bros. were not entered as paid; the receipt was handed in by Mr. Lowenberg; after the receipt was obtained an entry was made on the cash book; but I have seen no entry of \$41 from Joseph Bros. nor Leopold Lowenberg. [List of entries from 5th November to end of November read by the Attorney-General.] There are no entries contained in the list that can have the least approximation to the £139 receipted for to Joseph Bros. there is no sum in the cash book which can have the least approximation to the amount of £24 7s. 6d. paid by J. D. Pemberton on account of B. W. Pearce. On Nov. 30th, 1861, there is a balance struck in the cash book and certificate to the effect that G. T. Gordon had counted cash and found the same correct; if the £139 17s. 10d. and the £24 7s. 6d. had been placed in the safe and not entered in the books, the cash could not have agreed with the balance on the books. The last entry in the cash book was on the 3d December, and reads: "Paid the Surveyor General £500;" it represents the payment of £500 to the Surveyor General on account of advance warrant No. 47; I was present when the cash was counted; His Excellency, Mr. Young, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Gordon and myself were there; we found the balance in the bank and in the safe to be £4975 10s. 11d., less one pound two shillings and sixpence; I have examined the supplemental cash book with great care, and have not seen such an entry as £24 7s. 6d.; would have seen it if it had been there; there is an entry of Mr. Pearce's taxes on these particular lots; if the amount had been paid into the safe, when the Treasurer came to examine the cash he would have found an excess of £24 7s. 6d.; the gross amount of the deficiency in the Treasury, as far as I know at present—but the arrears increased as we went on—is £1,058 13s. 3d.; there may be additions to be made to that sum hereafter, but with regard to this deficiency I can speak strongly. In counting the cash we gave Mr. Gordon credit for the whole amount alleged to have been paid; I don't think there was anything said about the £500; if we had known that only 205 was paid, the cash would have been 255 short; when I got Joseph Bros. receipt the entries on the 17th Dec were not in the book; but two or three days afterwards I saw the sums entered without any names; there are no other entries in the Real Estate Act except under the names of the payers, with one exception—there is an entry of £50 of which we have not full details in the supplemental cash book.

By Mr. Cary—is there a great deficiency in the liquor licenses?

Objected to by counsel for defence, on the ground that beyond the three distinct charges of the indictment the prosecution could not go. Objection sustained.

Examination resumed—There are entries in the supplemental cash book where the ex-Treasurer has debited himself twice with the same sums. [Receipts shown witness.] These are the entries in the Real Estate Act except under the names of the payers, with one exception—there is an entry of £50 of which we have not full details in the supplemental cash book.

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Cross-examined for the defence—Advance warrants are issued to the heads of departments only; I got no instructions from the Colonial Secretary with regard to advance warrants; I became Auditor in Sept. 1861; as far as I know the accounts of this Colony were never audited up to that time; previous to Capt. Gordon, Capt. Gosset was the Treasurer; I think Capt. Gosset had a tendency to keep guard over the Treasury; I believe there has been none since; I believe a policeman sleeps in the building; I know the safe in the Treasury; as far as I know there was an outer and an inner key, and a key for a small inside box; there may have been a fourth key; I believe Capt. Gordon complained of the insecurity of the safe; if there was a letter from him on the subject I never saw it; I do not know that he ever applied for a new safe, but I recommended him to have one; I am not aware that Mr. Watson, the present one; I may have heard that I do not know that the safe of the coin is lodged in the Bank of British North America on account of the insecurity of the safe; I do not know why it is lodged there; I have investigated the books carefully, and am not aware that I have made a mistake with regard to £47; I do not know that the ex-Treasurer received any instructions; it is his duty to balance the cash book every month; with the difference of £3, the sum entered on the 17th of December without the name of the payer, would exactly coincide with the amount paid by Joseph Bros; I do not know that the sum of £50 was paid from the Treasury towards paying the expenses of the Esquimaux election; I have not seen such an entry on the books.

The cross-examination of Mr. Ker by Mr. Ring occupied nearly two hours, and was a most searching one, but nothing of interest beyond that given above was elicited.

At 6½ o'clock the cross examination of Mr. Ker was concluded and the Attorney-General announced the case for the prosecution closed.

After a caution from the Chief Justice the jury were allowed to separate for the night, and the Court adjourned till Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

WALKING INTO A LION'S DEN.—Yesterday a Nainaimo merchant, who is somewhat in debt, literally walked into a lion's den. He was curious to witness the trial of Capt. Gordon, and so sauntered leisurely into the Supreme Court room, where he had not been many moments before the Deputy Sheriff clapped him on the back, thrust a capias under his nose and marched him off to the debtor's prison.

IGNORED.—The Grand Jury yesterday ignored the two bills against Henry B. Campbell, late clerk in the Treasury. One of the bills was for embezzlement, and the other for aiding and abetting Capt. Gordon in his alleged embezzlements.

INDICTED.—"Charley," a Cowichan Indian, and son of the convict Sim-ah-lah, was yesterday indicted by the Grand Jury for the murder of Thomas Holmes.

DISCHARGED.—Edward Dil on, the Jockey Club victim, yesterday satisfied his creditor and was discharged from the debtors' prison.

THE Cortes will leave for San Francisco, via Portland, at 10 o'clock this morning.

THREATENING OUR CORONER.—Yesterday afternoon Dr. Dickson appeared at Mr. Pemberton's office and made affidavit that William S. Brannan, a San Francisco (Cal.) lawyer, and son-in-law of the late Dr. Baillie of this city, had threatened to do him grievous bodily harm. A warrant was accordingly issued and Brannan shortly after taken into custody, but was subsequently liberated on furnishing £90 bail. The case will come up this morning in the Police Court. Brannan accuses the doctor of injuring the professional reputation of his late father-in-law, by styling him "a carpenter," "a quack," etc. It was rumored last night that a challenge had passed between the parties, and that they had adjourned to Beacon Hill to fight it out. It was said the police were on their track.

THE FIREMEN'S CONCERT.—If the clerk of the weather is in a good humor to-night, and will but smile benignly on us poor mortals, the Firemen's Concert will be a crusher. From the arrangements made we can state authoritatively that it will be the finest affair of the kind ever held here. Every property-holder in the country is interested in the prosperity of the Fire Department, and no one should refuse to purchase at least half-a-dozen tickets. Last evening there was a grand rehearsal by Les Enfants de Paris at the theatre, under the able direction of Mr. Sandrie, when the amateurs acquitted themselves excellently. Everybody and his wife should go to the theatre to-night and not forget to take the young ones along.

THE "BROTHER JONATHAN" FROZEN UP IN COLUMBIA RIVER.—The steamer Cortes called at Astoria on her way up with the intention of proceeding to Portland, but on finding the river frozen, she recovered the bar and came on to this place, where she arrived quite unexpectedly last evening. At Astoria the officers learned that the Brother Jonathan was frozen fast in the Columbia River, about 60 miles above. The Jonathan left here on Sunday, the 12th inst., for San Francisco via Portland; passed Astoria the next afternoon, and is supposed to have been frozen in during the same night. Considerable drift ice was coming down stream when the Cortes left, and another attempt will be made to ascend on her down trip.

THE MAIL SUBSIDY.—Messrs. Dickson, Campbell & Co., of this city, have been appointed the Victoria Agents and Consignees of the steamships Brother Jonathan and Cortes. On the 7th proximo will commence the contract made with Holladay & Flint by Attorney General Cary. The following is the schedule: Feb. 7—Victoria via Portland, Cortes; Feb. 17—do. do., Brother Jonathan; Feb. 27—Victoria direct, Cortes; March 1—Victoria via Portland, Brother Jonathan; March 8—Victoria direct, Cortes; Jonathan; March 21—Victoria direct, Cortes. Subsequent months same as March.

NO FREE LIST.—There will be no free list at the theatre this evening.

## MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

## PORT OF VICTORIA, V. I.

## ARRIVED.

Jan 22.—Stmr Cortes, Huntington, San Francisco

Schr Cardboro, Howard, Port Townsend

## CLEARED.

Jan 22.—Stmr Cortes, Huntington, San Francisco

## IMPORTS.

Per stmr CORTES, from San Francisco—L. Wolf, M. Frager, D. McGrath, A. Fellows, and wife, E. W. Chittenden, R. Haggard and wife, E. A. Vadium, Gen. Evi, P. S. McFadden, J. R. Archibald, Wm. Stark, Michael Driscoll, Wm. B. Walker, John Donnelly, E. Meyer, T. Blish, Victor Mantecore, Julius Cortell, James Mathers, C. P. Higelow, G. H. Hurlin, P. Passanini, Owen Thomas, G. K. Smith, James O'Hagan, M. Helbrainer.

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